

Julia was born and raised in Los Angeles and enlisted in the United States Air Force in 1988. While in the Air Force, she served as a Cryptologic Technician/Morse Code Operator at the National Security Agency (NSA) of the United States.

Julia is married to Kevin Gusse, originally from Minnesota and a veteran of the United States Navy. Upon completion of their military enlistments, Julia's family moved to California in 1993. In California, she was the program coordinator for a multi-million dollar federal grant for over six years.

She was a substitute teacher for the Maricopa Unified School District prior to her employment with Rio Salado Community College. In 2008, Julia was hired as the Administrative Assistant for the City of Maricopa's Planning Department and served as the Secretary for the Planning and Zoning Commission prior to being laid off in June 2009. She is currently a full-time graduate student at the University of Arizona for which she hope to complete a Masters of Arts degree at the end of the fall semester 2010.

Julia's family has lived in Maricopa for more than five years. She has two brothers who also reside in Maricopa with their families. "We have been very active in the community and I can't wait to get started as a Councilmember for the City of Maricopa."

Julia and Kevin have three children, one of which will start Arizona State University in the fall and two boys who are enrolled within the Maricopa Unified School District.